
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CLEAN UP AND INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING AND
ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT 1700 LAUMAILE STREET IN KALIHI AND
THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO PREVENT
ILLEGAL DUMPING AND ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE AREA.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that illegal dumping of
2 trash at 1700 Laumaile Street, in Kalihi, Oahu, and in or around
3 nearby area streams, is an ongoing concern that has frustrated
4 Kalihi area residents for several years; and
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6 WHEREAS, this illegal dumping adversely affects not only
7 the Kalihi area but all areas downstream and, according to the
8 City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental
9 Services' Adopt-A-Stream program, when dumped materials get into
10 the stream cycle, they decompose and eliminate critical, life-
11 giving oxygen from the water, which causes streams to become
12 unpleasant and emit bad odors; and
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14 WHEREAS, dumping at 1700 Laumaile Street and in nearby area
15 streams is not only unsightly, but a pollution problem as items
16 such as yard waste, construction debris, fertilizers and
17 pesticides, and dog waste can pollute the water, making it
18 unsanitary for humans and wildlife; and
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20 WHEREAS, accumulated trash in the area also invites vermin,
21 including rodents, which adds to the public health concern; and
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23 WHEREAS, the source of this illegal dumping includes area
24 residents, individuals, construction or landscaping contractors,
25 waste management companies, automobile repair shops, scrap
26 collectors, and others who have been seen driving into the area
27 just to dump trash; and
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29 WHEREAS, although the Legislature adopted S.C.R. No. 89,
30 S.D. 1, during the Regular Session of 2009, requesting the



1 cleanup of Laumaile Street, including 1700 Laumaile Street, the
2 trash and illegal structures have returned to the area,
3 necessitating a renewed effort to clean up the area and prevent
4 future illegal dumping and illegal structures; and
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6 WHEREAS, there are state laws that address waste disposal
7 and littering, but enforcement of anti-dumping statutes is a
8 challenge because waste dumping can occur at any time of the
9 day, including very early morning hours; and
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11 WHEREAS, this body finds that the State, through the
12 Department of Health, and the City, through the City and County
13 of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services, have
14 overlapping jurisdiction over solid waste dumping and water
15 pollution in this area, which can cause confusion when the
16 public attempts to call in a complaint; and
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18 WHEREAS, a public survey conducted by the City and County
19 of Honolulu found that ninety-one percent of residents described
20 illegal dumping as a "somewhat or very serious" problem, yet the
21 same percentage of people had never reported an incident of
22 illegal dumping; and
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24 WHEREAS, this body finds that a coordinated effort between
25 state and city agencies tasked with enforcing compliance with
26 state anti-dumping laws is essential to investigate this ongoing
27 problem, coordinate a thorough cleanup of the area, and develop
28 measures to prevent illegal dumping at this site in the future;
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31 WHEREAS, illegal structures at 1700 Laumaile Street are
32 also a concern to area residents, as well as a potential public
33 health and safety concern; now, therefore,
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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
36 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
37 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
38 Health's Clean Water Branch and Solid and Hazardous Waste
39 Branch, Honolulu Police Department, and City and County of
40 Honolulu's Departments of Environmental Services and Planning
41 and Permitting are requested to investigate illegal dumping and
42 illegal structures at 1700 Laumaile Street in Kalihi and to



1 coordinate the cleanup, pollution prevention, and enforcement of
2 pollution, anti-dumping, and other applicable laws in that area;
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health, Chief
6 of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, Director of the
7 Department of Environmental Services, and Director of Planning
8 and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu are requested
9 to jointly report on the measures taken to address illegal
10 dumping and illegal structures at 1700 Laumaile Street and to
11 report their findings and recommendations to the Legislature no
12 later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular
13 Session of 2016; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
17 Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, Director of
18 the Departments of Environmental Services of the City and County
19 of Honolulu, and Director of Planning and Permitting of the City
20 and County of Honolulu.

